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We are prepared to do custom work.

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Satisfaction guaranteed in quality of flour, soda, and custom work. Farmers should be particular to secure the best of seed wheat.

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Shaving, Shampooing and Hair Cutting in the highest style of the art.

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Repaired on short notice and in a Workman-like manner.

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New Honey Locust Seed, choice quality, gathered in the fall of 1875; for sale by

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Ferry, Ferry!

The Ferry at Guide Rock is now in running order and will be kept so for the convenience of the traveling public. Travelers will always find a man in attendance. The ferry is located directly south of the town.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Arrival and Departure of Wagon from the Red Cloud P. O.

HASTINGS, Leaves Monday's Wednesday's and Friday's 7 a. m. Mail closed 10 p. m. Arrives Tuesday Thursday and Saturday 7-7 p. m.

HARDY, Leaves Tuesday's and Friday's 6 p. m. Arrives Wednesday's 4 p. m. Mail closed 9 p. m.

FRANKLIN, going out Monday's and Thursday's 2 p. m. Arrives Tuesday's and Friday's 10 a. m.

PLANSANT HILL, leaves Thursday's 6 a. m. Arrives Wednesday's 4 p. m. Mail closed 9 p. m.

JEWELL, Kansas, arrives Friday's 12 m. Leaves Friday 1 p. m.

RUSSELL, Kansas, arrives Thursday's 12 a. m. Leaves Thursday 1 p. m. Office open from 4 until 6 p. m. Sundays.

All registered matter must be in the evening before it is mailed.

M. B. McSITTE, P. M.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—

Sermons every Sunday and third Sabbath of each month at Red Cloud and Inavale. 7 o'clock P. M. at Red Cloud. 2 o'clock P. M. at Inavale. Every second and fourth Sabbath at Basin and Harmony Presbyters. REV. A. MAXWELL, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH—REV. J. T. MILLER, Services second Sabbath in each month at 11 a. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath morning at 10 a. m. J. Q. POTTER, Supt.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb. April 18th, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Charles H. Sapp, against William D. Verduin, for not paying his homestead entry, No. 3092, dated May 28th, 1875, upon the south-west quarter Sec. 8, township 4, range 12 west, in Webster county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 27th day of May, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.

BY EVAN WORKING, Receiver.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb. April 25th, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Charles H. Sapp, against Thomas H. Harty, for not paying his homestead entry, No. 3092, dated June 5, 1874, upon the south-west quarter Sec. 30, township 4, range 9 west, in Webster county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 24th day of May, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

WEBSTER EATON, Register.

BY EVAN WORKING, Receiver.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb. March 25th, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this office by Edward M. F. Grubb, against John E. Smith for abandoning his homestead entry, No. 2199, dated May 10th, 1874, upon the south 1/4 north 1/4 and west 1/4 north-east 1/4, section 14 township 3, range 12 west, in Webster county, Nebraska, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 24th day of May, 1876, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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SPECIAL MASTERS SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District in and for Webster County Nebraska, in an action wherein William L. Vandystyne and John D. Leach are plaintiffs and E. E. Coyne and Leroy S. Estell defendants, I will offer for sale at Public Auction at the front door of the Court House in Red Cloud, Webster County Nebraska, on the 17th day of June, 1876, at two o'clock P. M. the following described Real Estate situated in Webster County Nebraska, To Wit: Lot four (4) in Block five (5) situated in the Town of Pel Cloud Webster County Nebraska.

This stockade was the first building west of Guide Rock, and the germ of the present town of Red Cloud. The first named parties immediately commenced surveying their claims and constructing dwellings. While they were thus engaged they met with an adventure which promised interest and danger but proved a pleasant surprise. The emigrants were camped on Crooked Creek near the site of the present bridge. One evening their alarm was excited by seeing some parties on horse back down by the river. The new comers acted very strangely preparing themselves for attack and defense. Cap. Garber took the lead of the emigrants, who armed themselves to meet the strangers, and a march for the river was ordered. The strangers continued their preparations for war and the two small armies advanced toward each other with hostile front. As they approached the strangers displayed a white flag, when one of the emigrants rode forth to meet them. The strangers instead of being Indians proved to be a military party escorting an officer from Fort Kearney to Fort Hayes in Kansas. Although

THE TIME HAS APPROACHED

when all the facts connected with the early settlement of the county are passing away, or about to pass away, from our minds. It is appropriate and expedient, therefore, now that the occupants of our pioneer life are within our memory, to recall those facts and incidents and put them into some lasting and durable shape. With this view we propose to begin this week a review of the early history of the county, hoping that this effort will excite an interest in the past life of the early settlers, refresh the minds of those who first settled in our valley and elicit much useful and interesting information.

The first settlement of Webster County was made at Guide Rock, which was at that time the most western settlement on the Republican, and with the exception of a few Danes in Nebraska County, contained the only white men west of Helicon.

In the middle of May 1870 Wm. McBride, Albert Lathrop, Luther Monk, Tho's. Comstock and A. M. Taylor with two or three others were stopping at Beatrice. Silas Garber and his brothers Joseph and Abraham, had just returned from an exploration of the valley on horse back. On their glowing representation, the first mentioned parties united themselves with the Garbers and started from Beatrice to the latter part of May, the party stopping near the present site of Guide Rock.

At the time of the arrival of the party there were already located in the vicinity of Guide Rock, D. McCallum and E. Pettors who had arrived a couple of weeks previous and two or three others who made no location. McCallum and Pettors were the remnants of a colony known as the Rankin Colony, who had fled from Omaha and located extensive tracts in that vicinity. The colony, however accomplished nothing, all their land has been subsequently taken by other parties. These two gentlemen above named were left by the rest of the colonists to watch their lands, and were the only settlers of Webster Co. at that time. McCallum has since served two terms as county Surveyor and proved himself a competent and efficient manager of the compass. Pettors subsequently became the first Sheriff of the county and is now living on his claim on Guide Rock Creek.

The new arrivals were abundantly pleased with their new country, and immediately proceeded to erect a stockade for their residence and protection. McCallum and Pettors were living in a dug-out, which was the first building in the county.

The stockade erected was a palatial structure made of logs, about forty feet square and containing but one room, in which the whole population of Webster County found ample accommodation.

The county at that time boasted of but two women, Mrs. Comstock and Mrs. Jos. Garber. The demeanor of the stockade lived in true democratic simplicity, depending mainly on game for their sustenance, of Buffalo there was then an abundance, so numerous were they that they had to be driven aside to allow the emigrant to pass, so tame as to be readily approached while feeding on the short grass of the prairie.

Antelope, deer and elk in droves of 75 and 100 grazed in the valleys.

The fine opportunities for sporting and the erection of houses made the time pass quite pleasantly until the winter set in. During this time there was no communication with the outside world, save as some of the party went to Beatrice or a hunter stopped in his pursuit of game. At one time a hunting party left a copy of an eastern paper with the settlers which although two months old contained the latest news from the old world and was greedily devoured.

In the middle of July 1870 W. H. Rees, Peter Hani, A. H. Reats, D. H. Halloway, E. I. and John Parks and others passed through Guide Rock and advanced along the river to the center of the county where they located their claims then returned to Guide Rock for their families, when they returned they found a stockade built on the claim of Silas Garber and occupied by Jas. Calvert, L. E. Mansell, W. E. Jackson and Messrs Penny and Wilson.

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soldiers they seemed pleased to find that instead of aborigines they had discovered only emigrants in the wilds of Nebraska.

These two settlements at Red Cloud and Guide Rock were all that were made in the year 1870, and the names above mentioned comprise as far as we have been able to ascertain the settlers of the county for the first year. There are now over three thousand inhabitants in the county. In rapidly increasing Webster County can hold her own with the best of them.

Another interesting fact to be noted is that the emigrants found no running water in Crooked Creek. There was a little water collected in pools, but no stream. At present Crooked Creek is a large and important stream.

—Mr. John Elliot and family of Haverburg Ill. formerly of Tennessee and present owner of the Laffelle House in this place, arrived here yesterday.

—School Masters and school "Mams" better look a "cheer" out for our Superintendent mounted a pony yesterday and started on a trip over the county, possibly he may give you a call.

—We publish this week the first chapter of the history of Webster County. We hope to continue it in subsequent issues and give an accurate and interesting account of the early settlement of the county as possible. We shall be obliged for every assistance that can be given in this matter.

—Hats and Military of various descriptions, qualities and prices to suit the purchaser, constantly on hand at Mrs. Lutz.

—M. R. Corfield from Southern Kansas passed through town Monday. Some will remember this gentleman passed through this village a year ago on a trip to the Gold region and he had under guard for some time. This is the third time Mr. Corfield has started for the Hills, and this time he intends to make it.

—L. Slepner has been trading horses until he has the nicest and finest team of gray horses in the county.

—The Governor arrived in Philadelphia safe, and succeeded in securing an appropriate place for the display of Nebraska products. The building of the house will be begun immediately.

—The Commissioners of Lancaster County have submitted to the people of the County the proposition of voting \$200,000 bonds for the construction of the Lincoln-Davenport and Republican Valley Rail Way.

—The Red Cloud Industrial Association is flourishing. All the business men of the town are members. Remember the meeting tonight, Continental Convention, Fourth of July. At the town meeting tonight the initiatory measures will be taken to secure a raising. Celebration of the Coming Fourth. Come every body.

—A sufficient amount of labor and money has been subscribed to put the streets of the village in a good condition and work will commence immediately under the direction of E. E. Smith, Jas. Warner and W. N. Richardson, the Executive Committee.

—Vade Sam is moving his home to his lots in the northern part of the town, J. L. Miller and Mr. Robinson are the boss movers.

—The children of the Grammar School are going to plant some Continental trees upon their school grounds. They petitioned the Board to get their grounds plowed, and each one signed his or her name to plant a tree and cultivate it until its growth should be ensured. We are glad to see the little ones interested to such an extent in the beauty of their grounds.

—Sherer just "tapped" his new stock of fine cigars yesterday.

—The Baptist in Red Cloud met last Sunday and organized themselves into a society under the leadership of Mr. Miller of this county. We have now four religious societies in the county. The Congregationalists, the Methodists, Baptists and Campbellites. As yet there is no church building in the county. It is time we should judge to organize this matter. We understand that the Rev. Mr. Maxwell is contemplating an effort in this direction shortly.

—Do you know where to get your Wall Paper? If you don't, go to Sherer and he will show you the finest and most complete stock ever brought in to the market. He is the only man in town who keeps it.

—WE WISH THE LADIES TO KNOW, that if they want a real love of a hat they want to get one of those at the firm of Tulleys and Dixon.

—A few 12 inch Reed Breaking Flours for sale very cheap. Inquire at the Post Office.

—Farmers are beginning to put on style shoe McBride sells those fine harness so cheap.

—Mrs. Tulleys & Miss Dixon have just received a very large assortment of Hats, Gloves, Ribbons, Flowers, etc., which will be sold at the very lowest prices. Ladies call and see for yourselves.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Congregational Church of Webster county will be held at the Inavale School House on Saturday and Sunday, May 20th and 21st, beginning Friday, at 2 o'clock p. m. The following subjects will be the consideration: How can the church prosper? What is our duty to the A. H. M. Society? Christian work of other denominations are cordially invited to attend and participate in the discussion. A. MAXWELL, Pastor.

THE ALAMO & FRENCH HAVEN

is the only true and successful Harp on which the finest music can be played and with a 3 horse apparatus can be driven by 1 horse and can from 15 to 20 acres per day. A harrow is also built by the same company for two horses. These are the most durable Harrows made. They have no extra or unnecessary weight of iron. They are made and finished in the past two years by the L. B. Barlow & Son, Red Cloud, Neb.

LEGAL NOTICE

In the matter of the partition of H. S. Kaley, administrator of the estate of Robert M. Kaley deceased, filed in the District Court of Webster county, Nebraska, praying for leave to sell the interest of the heirs of Robert M. Kaley and to the following described real estate for the purpose of paying the debts and liabilities of said estate, to-wit: W. I. SELL, Sec. 20, township 4, range 12 west, also the E. 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec. 14, town 4 north, range 12 west, except 1/2 acre of the north-east corner of said section, also 1/2 acre in a regular lease along the east side of NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said NE 1/4, situated in Webster county, Nebraska.

And it appearing to me upon reading such petition that it is necessary to sell said real estate to satisfy the claims and demands against said estate there not being sufficient assets of said estate to liquidate the same. It is therefore ordered and it shall be that all persons interested in said real estate and in the estate of said deceased, Robert M. Kaley, appear before this court in the Court House in Junction in the county of Adams, State of Nebraska, on the 20th day of June 1876, at 9 o'clock a. m. of said day to show cause why a license shall not be granted for sale of said real estate as provided for in said petition; and it is ordered that this notice be published in the Red Cloud CHIEF for six consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

W. C. POTTER, J.